

# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Group Art Unit	2816
Examiner Name	L. NGUYEN
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## This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) **\$790.00**
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 05/19/2005 SZEWDIE1 00000046 09777897
- iii. ☐ Other 01 FC:1801 790.00 UF
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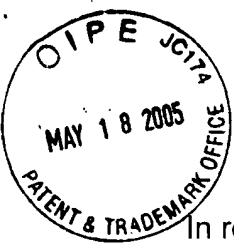
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In re application of:

Customer No. 004372

Nobutaka TANIGUCHI

Confirmation No.: 4758

Serial No.: 09/777,897

Art Unit: 2816

Filing Date: February 7, 2001

Examiner: L. Nguyen

For: DELAY TIME ADJUSTING METHOD  
OF DELAYING A PHASE OF AN  
OUTPUT SIGNAL UNTIL A PHASE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INPUT  
SIGNAL AND THE OUTPUT SIGNAL  
BECOMES AN INTEGRAL NUMBER OF  
PERIODS OTHER THAN ZERO

Docket No.: 100353-00039

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**  
**Introductory Comments**

Director of the U.S. PTO  
P.O. Box 1450  
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May 18, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the present application by filing this submission. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.